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Dear FDA:

I am disheartened to learn that recently announced standards do not **require** labeling of foods containing genetically engineered ingredients. Yet companies that correctly label their products as "free of **GMOs**" are burdened by regulations and restrictive guidelines.

I write to you as an agricultural scientist, not some radical yahoo acting on uninformed emotion. I hope you will reconsider your position, **and** provide standards that:

- 1) require **labeling** of foods that contain GE ingredients;
- 2) require safety testing by independent third parties before any products are released to producers and consumers. Safety tests should include rigorous standards (i.e., the precautionary principle) for both health and ecological effects.

Thank you for your consideration,

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